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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

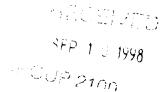
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Title: OPTICAL ELEMENTS (SUCH AS VARI FOCAL LENS COMPONENT, VARIFOCAL DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT AND VARIABLE DECLINATION PRISM) AND ELECTRONIC IMAGE PICKUP UNIT USING OPTICAL ELEMENTS

September 9, 1998

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed document and its partial translation.

This IDS is being filed within 3 months of the filing of this application.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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